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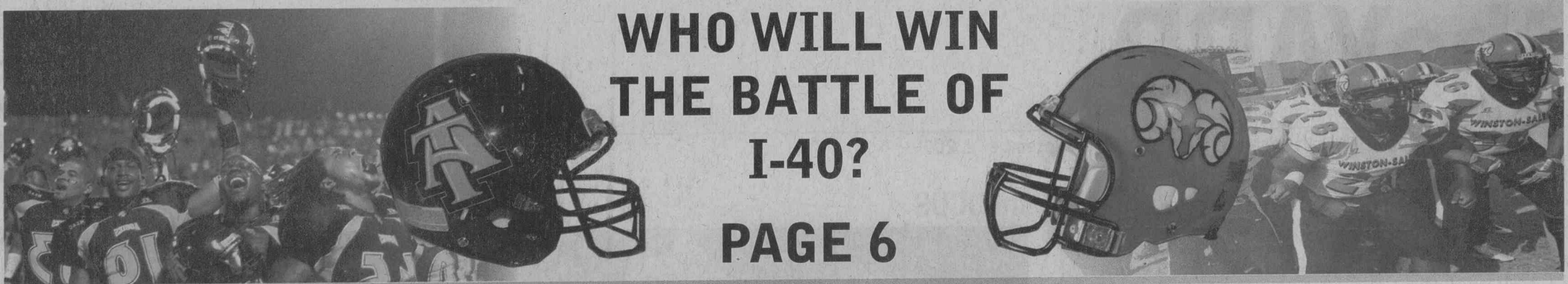
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## CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

# Fall elections help to fill SGA vacancies



KELCIE MCCRAE  
Register Reporter

With sweaty palms and jumpy nerves, students anxiously bit nails and paced the lobby of the Memorial Student Union as they awaited the results of the Student Government Association Fall Elections. Yesterday brought closure to some of the vacancies in student government for the 2009-10 school year.

This year, students were given exactly a week to campaign, and there was no shortage of creative marketing strategies or fliers. Sophomore vice presidential

candidate Jenard Moore, along with others, had t-shirts printed to help him campaign for his office.

"I want to have an impact on school. Not only do I want to be a voice representing African-American males, but for all sophomores," said Moore. Although mostly freshmen made their way to the polls on Tuesday, some upperclassmen faces were seen casting their votes as well. Many of the spots for the upperclassmen had already been filled in the spring 2009 elections.

The Sophomore Class Vice

President and Treasurer had to be filled, as well the Senior Class Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Miss Senior. Class officer positions were not the only things that were on the ballot this fall. Numerous senate seats were left vacant from the previous election. Senate has seen a decline in activity over the last two years.

"My friend was running for senate, and the senate represents us and get us what we need. People are quick to complain about what happens on campus but don't want to vote," said junior history education major

Kelly Byrdson, a native of Chicago, Ill.

According to Lee Morgan, Associate Director of Student Development, the position of Miss Senior and a senator from District 2 had to be vacated due to the representatives being disqualified for undisclosed reasons.

"I'm out to vote for Chelsea," said Kiana Chrisp, freshman animal science major from Athens, Ga. "She is a smart, intelligent black woman." Chelsea Smith was a candidate for the freshman class president.

Along with Smith, eight other freshmen hopefuls were campaigning to be the next freshman class president. Mr. and miss freshman were also two of the more popular positions, but positions such as treasurer, or secretary, only had two or three people campaigning.

"I feel I would be a great representative for my class," said freshman journalism and mass communications major Catherine Hamlin. Hamlin expressed she wanted the position so she could help her

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## UNC System faces more cuts

MARCUS THOMPSON  
Senior Reporter

On Monday, Aug. 31, UNC President Erskine Bowles assembled all 17 chancellors of the UNC school system to discuss the execution of a plan which could result in the loss of hundreds of jobs.

The purpose of the plan is to cut the budget by about 10 percent due to the current economic crisis.

"We worked really hard here to reduce our administrative costs, and become more efficient and more effective, and in some cases we have failed," Bowles said during an interview with News 14 Carolina.

Bowles says that he estimates that as many as 900 jobs could be lost as a result of the reduced spending plan, the majority being administrative jobs.

At North Carolina A&T, the number of classes being offered has already been reduced and some professors are having to teach extra classes without additional pay. According to Dr. Guoqing Tang, chairman of the department of mathematics, Distance Learning courses are among the primary classes that the professors who retain their jobs may have to teach without pay.

"The question isn't 'will [the administrative reduction] have a negative impact on the university operation', but the question is how to set a priority so that the impact will be minimized," said Dr. Tang.

"The priority is for the students to be served and for costs to be covered so that the students can progress with the timeline and graduate on time. If anyone were to lose their job, whether an administrator, faculty or staff, it would be very bad for their families."

Both Michael Plater, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Humphrey Regis, Chairman of the Journalism and Mass Communications

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# State of the Campus Address

Presidential address competes with flag football, candidates forum, for crowd's attention

DEXTER R. MULLINS  
Editor In Chief

The stage had been set, the podium put in place, and the microphone and speaker had been checked. It was here, in front of the Williams Cafeteria on Thursday, that Student Government Association President Syene Jasmin would give his first State of the Campus Address.

Jasmin would find completing this task difficult, as just about 20 feet away, directly beneath where he was speaking, the flag football team was practicing in the Holland Bowl.

Adding to the complexity of the situation, on the opposite in of campus the SGA Candidates Forum was taking place in the Memorial Student Union, which is mandatory for all those wanting to run for an SGA position.

The forum is the candidate's opportunity to state their platform in front of potential voters and rally support for their campaign, and is always a well-attended event, typically lasting around two hours.

With the forum scheduled to

begin at 6 p.m. and the Address at 6:30 p.m., students had to choose to go to one event or another.

"I was supposed to attend the forum, because I was running for the position of freshman class secretary, but I also wanted to attend the State of the Campus Address," freshman journalism & mass communications major Melissa Dale, 19, said.

"I was very confused as to why they (SGA) would schedule the event so close together.

I guess they scheduled the event at a time when they thought people would be free, but a lot of people eat dinner at that time so a lot of students missed the event."

Article 6, Section 1 of the SGA constitution states the "duties and responsibilities of the president [must give] periodic State of the campus addresses to the student body." xSGA Parliamentarian Octavia Ocean presided over the program.

Ocean began by asking all the students outside to rise out of respect for the singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," which was performed by freshman music and graphic

communications major Chelsea Davis. Regardless of this request, the flag football practice continued in the Holland Bowl.

"I didn't know anything about it until I was actually out there, and I'm always on Facebook," sophomore biology major Sasha Nicole Munn, 19, said.

"Tonight's event is designed to inform all the students about the different events SGA has planned for this school year, and for you to find out different ways that you can get involved," Ocean said.

Following the opening of the program, Ocean introduced several different SGA officers, representing the sophomore through senior class, and members of the executive board.

Vice President of Internal Affairs Valerie Dudley took the podium next, speaking about the current condition of the campus in regards to internal affairs.

"Currently our University is dealing with several issues concerning internal affairs, from cafeteria food, to budget cuts, to teacher reductions, and

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STATE OF THE CAMPUS SGA President Syene Jasmin gives his Address in front of the Williams Cafeteria in the Holland Bowl Plaza.

## Overbooked housing assignments had returning students living in a hotel

KENDRA WEBB  
Register Reporter

When students arrived at North Carolina A&T to start the semester, some came back on campus to learn they had no housing assignments.

Instead of being assigned into a hall, they were temporarily directed to move into the Park Lane hotel, on High Point Rd.

"The reason we accommodated students in the Park Lane Hotel was simply because more students applied for housing than we had spaces for," said

Executive Director of Housing and Residence Life, Leonard B. Jones.

"We wanted to accommodate everyone who applied; therefore, we made arrangements with the Park Lane Hotel to accommodate those who were without housing temporarily until further arrangements could be made."

The Park Lane Hotel and N.C. A&T signed a contract in which Park Lane agreed to house those students who were temporarily without housing for one week, until new housing assignments could be made.

"We are very thankful that we were able to accommodate those who were without housing," Jones said.

Every morning, continental breakfast was served, fresh bed linens were made available for students as needed.

Shuttles were also provided for students as a means of getting from the hotel to the school.

"For temporary housing, everything was okay," said Junior Accounting major Rodney Smith.

"They provided van shuttles that came every hour and they

were on time, it wasn't that bad.

"I have to give them credit; at least they did not leave us out in the dust with nowhere to stay."

"The University provided shuttles that ran from 7 a.m. to about 10 p.m. at night," Jones said.

"Also, there was some of A&T staff that stayed out there with the students to assist them with any needs."

Housing registration begins in February and goes on through August. Students are allowed to choose their own

dorms based on a first come, first serve basis.

Generally, students who applied for housing earlier received the housing they requested.

"Students control their placement. Some students waiting for a special room, (i.e. single rooms or private room) generally have more trouble getting into the room they want because special rooms are limited," said Jones.

While questions about this issue speculated among stu-

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When school ended last semester, Comiesha Hunt was the elected Miss Senior. Now the position is on the ballot. What happened?

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We asked you to tell us what you think, this week, three of you did just that. Read the opinions of your colleagues.

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### theSCORE THE EDITORS SAY...

The editors sat down and decided who would win the game this weekend. Do you agree?

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### theSCENE GOODBYE, FINAL DESTINATION

Final Destination barely passes the Register's review report card. See why we don't want you to waste your money on it.

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### WEATHER

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dents, rumors about closed dorms were on the minds of other students.

"If there were so many students without housing, then why were some of the dorms closed?" said Junior Biology major, Melanie Williams-Taft.

"Shouldn't those without housing be allowed to stay in those dorms? Why did A&T accept so many people for housing knowing that there weren't enough spaces?"

There was a greater demand for housing because more continuing and returning students applied for housing this year.

"It is a very good thing that continuing students want to live on campus. Housing is here to provide students with a safe and secure place to live so they can focus on academic success," said Jones.

Senior, Food Sciences major, Jasmine Brooks, has lived on campus for her entire undergraduate term while at A&T.

"Being on campus is closer to what I need; it's more convenient and I don't have a car so being on campus takes away the burden of trying to worry about how to get to school."

All residence halls that could be used, were used except Curtis Hall, which was closed for

renovations.

"Curtis Hall was not available because of safety concerns," said Jones.

Holland Hall is currently being used for temporary housing. On Thursday, August 20, the housing staff held a meeting in the Park Lane hotel for the students who were temporarily without housing.

Jones said, "Staff assisted students for reassignments and by the end of that week, all students were given housing and out of the Park Lane Hotel."

Openings in the residence halls became available because of students who did not show up for the fall semester.

"As soon as spaces on campus became available, I believe they let students know about the openings to get us out of the hotel as quick as they can," Smith said.

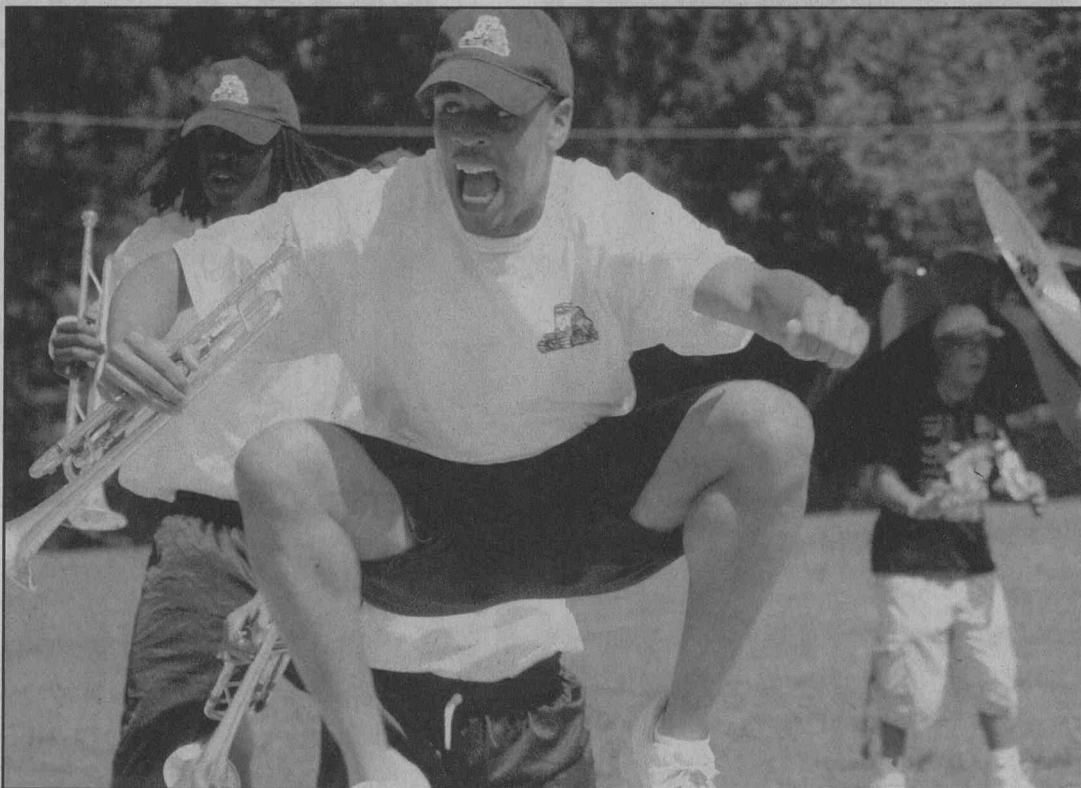
"Every year I have to deal with housing and I put my application in early," says Taft.

"I put it in March of 2009, yet people who applied for housing in July got theirs before mine."

"For the most part, students who applied for housing late were the ones who had to temporarily stay at a hotel," Jones adds.

To prevent this problem in the future, Jones recommends students who desire housing not to wait until the last minute.

## inFOCUS



HANG TIME Members of the Blue & Gold Marching Machine perform for fans during Aggie FanFest this past Saturday, Aug. 29.

## Flag football a major distraction at the State of the Campus Address

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teacher quality," Dudley said, as whistles blew loudly in the background, making it difficult to hear.

"Senate meetings will be posted, public, and open for all of you (students) to come and express your concerns regarding internal affairs on our campus. You voted, and now it's time for us to serve you."

Dudley referenced an intuitive from previous SGA years.

The "tell 'em why you mad" campaign, which she attributed to the Marcus Bass administration in fact was a product of the Arnita Floyd Moody administration, from three years prior to Dudley being in office.

The program is designed to give students an outlet in the SGA to vocalize their concerns, and is seeing renewed light with Dudley over the senate.

Ocean spent much of her time trying to get the crowd rallied up and into the program, to which the majority of students were not very receptive.

"A lot of you guys are away from the speakers, and they are directed over here, so if some of you could please come over here and really get a since of what we're trying to say... we're doing this for you guys," Ocean pleaded, getting little participation from the crowd.

After Dudley was followed by Chief of Staff Gary Brown.

"Syene and I are first hand witnesses to how careless politics can keep us divided as a student body," Brown said. "The mission of the Jasmin administration is to lead, not by programs, but by principles."

Brown read a brief speech that he had prepared on his cell phone, and then introduced Jasmin, who took the stage to give his address.

As Jasmin took the podium, he also made several attempts to get to the crowd to interact with the program, particularly requesting that students who stood directly in front of the cafeteria doors move towards the audio system so that they

could be more informed.

While a few students, moved, most stayed in their places, stating they could hear well from where they stood.

"It's funny, Gary talks about a divided student body," Jasmin said, in a very different introduction from previous Presidents. "Everybody may not be paying attention to me, and everybody doesn't have to. But I'll tell you what, we have those here right now who are paying attention, and those who are watching the football game. That's cool, but we have to forge that gap, it can't continue to be that way for us. I'm going to go ahead and read my speech."

Jasmin stated in his speech that this year, there should be no reason for people to not be involved in SGA, or to not be involved at all. Jasmin established several new committees, as he is entitled to per his powers outlined in Article Six of the constitution, in which students can sign up to become involved in. Some of those committees include:

**-Aggie Promotions:** a committee that will be dedicated to promoting the campus events both on and off campus. This is very similar to A&T Promotions, a project started last year by now Vice President of External Affairs Travis Jackson, when he was a member of the Student Union Advisory Board (SUAB).

**-Tutoring Committee:** a committee that will allow SGA to have tutoring in the Ferdinand D. Bluford library, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday through Thursday.

**-The Political Action Committee:** a committee that will organize a debate with students about issue on the campus.

**-The Debate Committee:** a committee that will serve as a host organization to help students' debate about who the best rappers and presidents are, among many other social issues.

Jasmin wants to initiate the 1891 pound challenge, a program that was designed, but carried out by former SGA President Marcus R. Bass, in his campaign platform two years

ago.

The program is an initiative to help students on campus get fit, and lose a total of 1891 pounds as a campus community.

Jasmin encouraged students to also sign up for various projects, such as "project career fair." This project builds on multiple efforts of students across campus from various departments, to try to create a more balanced career fair.

The A&T Register ran an editorial about this exact issue around the same time last year, which has helped to improve this situation.

He also started "project customer service," in which the student body will grade the customer service skills of departments like financial aid, book keeping, and the treasurer's office, helping to hold the departments accountable.

He has also started "project parking," to help find better solutions for parking on campus. Another project he has started is "project go green," which Miss Junior 2008-2009 JaLeeza Kent attempted last year.

Finally, Jasmin has committed to "project recruitment," to bring in more students from the outside community, representing A&T wherever students go.

Jasmin finished by encouraging students to put pressure on their teachers, professors and faculty members to make sure the school is on track for reaccreditation.

While Jasmin may have gotten the message out, not many students heard it. Dale suggested that SGA try the program again, maybe at a different venue and time.

Dale said that she felt the idea to have a major event like this outside was a good idea, but it may have needed a little more planning.

"The location was a good place to have it, but I would have probably scheduled it at a different time since the flag football game was going on," Dale said.

"I think they should do another one so that people who missed it can be informed," Dale said. "The information was important."

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fellow freshmen find community service opportunities. "I've volunteered with my mom at a domestic violence shelter in Winston, and I would love to help bring community service opportunities to campus."

One of the duties of the office of a class queen is that they must implement class community service projects as per the constitution.

"I wasn't going to vote, but I heard great ideas from candidates," said freshman nursing major Katerra Holmes. The polls closed at 6pm on Tuesday, and shortly after the results were announced. While the results were not certified last night, they will be later today. The unofficial winners announced were as follows:

The freshmen class officers are Vice president, Secretary Jerica Brown, and Treasurer Brandy Etheridge. There will be a run-off election for the position of Freshman Class President between Jewel Livingston and Allahquan Tate. Also there will be a run-off for Miss Freshman between Ashley Lewis and Jasmine Rivers as well as for Mr. Freshman between Reginald Johnson and Karlton Burnett.

## theBLOTTER

August 26, 2009

### Affray

#### Barbee Hall

At approximately 7:00a.m., two male students were involved in an altercation. The altercation turned physical when one of the male students refused to turn down his iPod music, and the other refused to turn down his television. There were no injuries in this case & no criminal charges have been filed at this time.

### Vehicle Accident

#### Benbow Rd.

At approximately 10:09a.m., a vehicle collided with another vehicle while making a right turn onto another roadway. Total estimated damage to both vehicles is \$5,500.00. There were no injuries.

### Personal Injury

#### GTCC

At approximately 4:30p.m., a female University Police Officer was injured during training. She was treated and released at Prime Care with only minor injuries.

August 27, 2009

### Larceny

#### Crosby Hall

At approximately 11:57a.m., a female non-resident student reported person(s) unknown removed a blue and gold backpack from a desk in a room located in Crosby Hall. The estimated value of the stolen items is \$153.00. There are no witnesses or suspects in this case.

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### Harassment

#### Gibbs Hall

At approximately 3:00p.m., a female resident student reported that she was being harassed by a female student non-resident, at the entrance door to Gibbs Hall due to an incident that occurred at a night club off campus. The case remains open.

### Disorderly Conduct

#### Williams Café

At approximately 5:20p.m., the William Cafeteria Security Officer reported that a male resident student was observed tearing paper and cardboard. When the cafeteria rules were being explained to the male student, the student became disorderly. No criminal charges were filed. The case was forwarded to Student Affairs.

### B&E/Larceny

#### Pride Hall

At approximately 3:53a.m., a female non-resident student reported that her laptop computer and wallet were stolen from a vehicle parked in the Pride Hall PVA. The estimated value of property stolen is \$1,275.

August 29, 2009

### Information

#### Webb Hall

At approximately 9:00a.m., a staff member advised that she dropped a thermometer on the floor causing mercury to be spilled. EHS/OSHA responded to the scene for clean up.

## WEDNESDAY

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**3rd Community Service Learning Fair**  
Memorial Student Union Exhibit Hall  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**ABC45 & MY Tent Set-Up**  
Memorial Student Union Parking Lot Lawn  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Study Abroad Fair**  
Memorial Student Union Stallings Ballroom  
11 a.m. – 3:30 a.m.

**Project March Orientation**  
New Science Building Room 215  
4 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

**A.W.E. Full Body Meeting**  
Memorial Student Union Exhibit Hall  
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY

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**UNC Asheville Exchange Info Session**  
Memorial Student Union Room 209  
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Ice Cream Social**  
Friendly Center Shopping Center  
4:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY

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**Graduate Management Admissions Test Prep**  
Merrick Hall Room 123  
1 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

**University Galleries 1st Fridays**  
Dudley Hall Multi-Purpose Room  
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

**Resume and Interviewing Building Skills**  
McNair Hall Lecture Room 1  
7:25 p.m. – 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY

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**Football vs. Winston Salem State**  
Winston Salem State University  
6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

## SUNDAY

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No Scheduled Events

## MONDAY

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No Class for Labor Day

**Miss Omega Psi Phi Sign-Ups**  
(Through Friday)  
Williams Cafeteria  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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## CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

# Where is Miss Senior?

While elections may have taken place yesterday for the position of Miss Senior, Comeisha Hunt was not on the ballot.

Hunt was elected to serve as Miss Senior in the Spring 2009 elections in an unopposed race.

Why Hunt is not currently in her position, according to her, is because of a miscommunication with a professor during finals.

"I didn't stay around long enough to make sure that my grades were put in correctly," Hunt said. "I finished my finals, and then I went home and my grades had not been changed."

Hunt was removed from her position as Miss Senior in early August, because she did not meet the 2.5 minimum GPA requirement to hold the position.

Hunt says that this all could have been avoided had her Calculus Two grade been changed in a more timely manner.

"My calculus two grade was

not changed by the time it was supposed to be, which is why my GPA was affected," Hunt said. "The grade was finally changed in the fall, so everything is fine now, but I had to wait until school started to get it fixed."

"I don't feel that the grade change policy is not fair for students in the spring semester. The professors will not speak with you over the phone or online regarding your grades, and if you leave in the spring you have to wait to see them in person in the fall."

Per the rules of the Elections Committee, of which Hunt was a former member, they cannot disclose why any candidate or officer is disqualified from their position, but can only state that they have been disqualified.

Hunt does feel that the committee should have given her a chance to explain what happened, because just a few days after she was disqualified, the grade in question was changed.

"I do believe I had the option to come back as Miss Senior, but I didn't even want to bother with all the hassle," Hunt said. "It really wasn't them (Elections Committee), it was more so on me."

Bryan Tigner, the first elected Mr. Senior, says that he regrets what happened to Hunt, but that he will continue forward with their plans.

"During the summer, we were progressing to have that relationship to have our goals accomplished during the school year, and her being disqualified kind of put a hold on what I had planned to do, because we are an entity," Tigner said.

"I will just be the official male representative, and I will wait until I get a female representative."

"She (Hunt) did still say she wanted to continue doing the things she had planned in her platform, so she will still be around."

# Bowles gives directive to UNC System Chancellors to "trim the fat"

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department, have stated that due to the budget cuts fewer classes will be offered and students will need to plan further in advance to make their course schedules efficiently.

"The UNC system and A&T are obligated to respond to the economic crisis that we have and that's going to have a pretty dramatic impact on A&T, in addition to the system as a whole," said Plater.

"However, if tax receipts go down you have to cut expenses in order to make it balance."

At A&T what that will mean is a substantial reduction in the number of sections that we offer.

Those sections will have a dramatic impact on how students need to register and how they put their program together.

The penalty for students who choose not to register early is that they may find no openings in class and I suspect that the number of students this Fall found it very difficult to get sections if they waited until the last minute or because of Financial Aid reasons they were dropped and picked back up again, they were very difficult to get back in.

We're in a new era with these cuts on how we have to do business and everyone including the deans, the faculty, and the students are going to have to make the adjustment.

I think for the students they need to plan their schedule, they need to plan in advance, they need to take classes when they are scheduled rather than trying to get particular faculty trying to get particular times.

Students may have to take classes at times that they may not be as comfortable with, but the angle that they need to take is that they need to get the classes done.

I suspect that this will go on for a number of years until the economy rights itself and this is not just something that students can just sit on the side for. They have to put themselves in the

position to make the changes.

I will say that the university is providing most of what most students need is making sure that faculty are available and business will be done, however, students will need to make adjustments in order to get out of here efficiently."

According to Dr. Regis and Dr. Tang, most classes will be increased in size.

The maximum number for most classes is 45 students but certain classes such as labs and "skills" classes are more limited.

Regis stated that the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications only allows about 18 students for classes where students demonstrate their skills, such as Broadcast Productions and News Writing.

Regis also expressed his concern for cuts in programs such as the UNC in Washington program, where students can receive valuable experience toward their careers as well as course credits.

Some students who have heard about the issues with the budget cut and observed that some their favorite professors are no longer with the A&T staff have voiced their own opinions on the crisis and the possibilities of having fewer options in making their schedules.

"I think that it's crazy that they're even doing this," said Jessica Mayo, a junior sociology major from Kinston, N.C. The professors should get paid because they do a lot in this school and it's their job to help us get an education so that we can get [jobs] after we graduate.

"As far as the size of the classrooms, some classrooms are already big so people are just going to get lost. I know some people now don't even pay attention but as far as bigger classrooms, even more people are just going to sit back and not pay attention and do whatever and not really going to be learning."

Bowles stated that he wanted to see the plan put into effect as quickly as possible but he has set no specific deadline for the administrative cuts to take effect.

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## Swine flu: 10 things every person should know

MIKE STOBBE  
Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Since it first emerged in April, the global swine flu epidemic has sickened more than 1 million Americans and killed about 500. It's also spread around the world, infecting tens of thousands and killing nearly 2,000.

This summer, the virus has been surprisingly tenacious in the U.S., refusing to fade away as flu viruses usually do. And health officials predict a surge of cases this fall, perhaps very soon as schools reopen.

A White House report from an expert panel suggests that from 30 percent to half the population could catch swine flu during the course of this pandemic and that from 30,000 to 90,000 could die.

So how worried should you be and how do you prepare? The Associated Press has tried to

boil down the mass of information into 10 things you should know to be flu-savvy.

1. No cause for panic.

So far, swine flu isn't much more threatening than regular seasonal flu.

During the few months of this new flu's existence, hospitalizations and deaths from it seem to be lower than the average seen for seasonal flu, and the virus hasn't dramatically mutated.

That's what health officials have observed in the Southern Hemisphere where flu season is now winding down.

Still, more people are susceptible to swine flu and U.S. health officials are worried because it hung in so firmly here during the summer — a time of year the flu usually goes away.

2. Virus tougher on some.

Swine flu is more of a threat to certain groups — children under 2, pregnant women, people with health problems like asthma, diabetes and heart disease. Teens

and young adults are also more vulnerable to swine flu.

Ordinary, seasonal flu hits older people the hardest, but not swine flu. Scientists think older people may have some immunity from exposure years earlier to viruses similar to swine flu.

3. Wash your hands often and long.

Like seasonal flu, swine flu spreads through the coughs and sneezes of people who are sick. Emphasize to children that they should wash with soap and water long enough to finish singing the alphabet song, "Now I know my ABC's..."

4. Get the kids vaccinated.

These groups should be first in line for swine flu shots, especially if vaccine supplies are limited — people 6 months to 24 years old, pregnant women, health care workers.

Also a priority: Parents and caregivers of infants, and people with those high-risk medical conditions previously noted.

5. Get your shots early.

Millions of swine flu shots should be available by October. If you are in one of the priority groups, try to get your shot as early as possible.

Check with your doctor or local or state health department about where to do this. Many children should be able to get vaccinated at school. Permission forms will be sent home in advance.

6. Immunity takes awhile.

Even those first in line for shots won't have immunity until around Thanksgiving.

That's because it's likely to take two shots, given three weeks apart, to provide protection. And it takes a week or two after the last shot for the vaccine to take full effect.

The regular seasonal flu shot should be widely available in September. People over 50 are urged to be among the first to get that shot.

7. Vaccines are being tested.

Health officials presume the swine flu vaccine is safe and effective, but they're testing it to make sure.

The federal government has begun studies in eight cities across the country to assess its effectiveness and figure out the best dose. Vaccine makers are doing their own tests as well.

8. Help! Surrounded by swine flu.

If an outbreak of swine flu hits your area before you're vaccinated, be extra cautious.

Stay away from public gathering places like malls, sports events and churches.

Try to keep your distance from people in general. Keep washing those hands and keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth.

9. What if you get sick?

If you have other health problems or are pregnant and develop flu-like symptoms, call your doctor right away. You may be prescribed Tamiflu or Relenza.

These drugs can reduce the severity of swine flu if taken right after symptoms start.

If you develop breathing problems (rapid breathing for kids), pain in your chest, constant vomiting or a fever that keeps rising, go to an emergency room.

Most people, though, should just stay home and rest. Cough into your elbow or shoulder. Stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever breaks.

Fluids and pain relievers like Tylenol can help with achiness and fever.

Always check with a doctor before giving children any medicines. Adult cold and flu remedies are not for them.

10. No swine flu from barbecue.

You can't catch swine flu from pork — or poultry either (even though it recently turned up in turkeys in Chile). Swine flu is not spread by handling meat, whether it's raw or cooked.

## Thousands evacuate Mexico for hurricane

MARK STEVENSON  
Associated Press

**LOS CABOS, Mexico (AP)** — Tourists fled resorts at the tip of the Baja California Peninsula as Hurricane Jimena roared their way Tuesday, but many slum dwellers concerned about looting refused to leave their imperiled shanties.

Jimena, a Category 4 hurricane with winds of near 145 mph (230 kph), could rake the region of harsh desert fringed with picturesque beaches and fishing villages by Tuesday evening.

Police, firefighters and navy personnel drove through shantytowns, trying to persuade some 10,000 people in the Los Cabos area to evacuate shacks made of plastic sheeting, wood, reeds and even blankets.

"For the safety of you and your family, board a vehicle or head to the nearest shelter," firefighter Ricardo Villalobos bellowed over a loudspeaker as his fire truck wound its way through the sand streets of Colonia Obrera, a slum built along a stream bed that regularly springs to life when a hurricane hits.

While the storm's eye was forecast to pass west and north of the city, another 20,000 were expected to evacuate elsewhere in the peninsula. Schools, many

ports and most businesses were closed. Rescue workers from the Red Cross and the Mexican military prepared for post-hurricane disaster relief, and two Mexican Army Hercules aircraft loaded with medical supplies arrived.

Children ran through strong gusts of wind Tuesday waving pieces of paper and trash bags under bands of intermittent rain. Forecasters expect the hurricane to leave between 5 and 10 inches of rain in Baja, but already the dry stream beds had turned into gushing torrents.

Hank and Maureen Butt, from Los Gatos, California, snapped photos outside their Cab San Lucas Hotel, enjoying the driving winds.

"The waves have been great," said Maureen Butt, an intensive care nurse.

"I think we're going to be out of harm's way as far as major damage," her husband said.

In a nearby shantytown, Marco Nina, 24, a bricklayer, warily eyed a growing stream that rushed past his plywood and sheet metal home.

"We are here with our nerves on edge," he said. "If this hits, the roof is not going to hold. Other storms have passed but not this strong."

Local officials say Hurricane Juliet, a Category 4 hurricane that killed several people and

caused \$20.5 million in September 2001, was the most damaging hurricane in the storm-prone state's history. That 145-mph storm made a raging 12-day trip through Mexico and the Southern United States.

Many tourists rushed to leave this vacation town, a playground for Hollywood stars where timeshares and condominiums are built up along the coast.

Hotels, which ordinarily have low occupancy this time of year, reported just a 25 percent occupancy rate.

Tuesday morning, Jimena was a Category 4 storm that weakened slightly as it moved north-northwest near 12 mph (19 kph), a path expected to continue for several days, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami reported. It was centered about 140 miles (225 kilometers) south of Cab San Lucas.

Hurricane force winds extended as far as 45 miles (75 kilometers) and tropical storm force winds extended 140 miles (220 kilometers).

Farther out in the Pacific, Tropical Depression Kevin had top winds of 35 mph (55 kph) and was expected to weaken to a remnant low later in the day or Monday night.

## Obama speaks on Katrina anniversary: 'Government must keep its responsibility'

PHILIP ELLIOTT  
Associated Press

**OAK BLUFFS, Mass. (AP)** — President Barack Obama marked the fourth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina on Saturday by pledging to make sure that turf wars and red tape don't slow the pace of the continuing recovery.

He also said he would visit New Orleans by year's end.

In his weekly radio and Internet address, the president noted that the Bush administration's response to the killer storm raised questions among people in the U.S. about whether the government "could fulfill its responsibility to respond in a crisis."

He said he wanted to ensure "that the legacy of a terrible storm is a country that is safer and more prepared for the challenges that may come."

Since taking office, Obama has sent 11 members of the Cabinet to the region to inspect progress and to hear local ideas on how to speed up repairs.

"Our approach is simple: Government must keep its responsibility to the people, so

that Americans have the opportunity to take responsibility for their future."

Obama said in his address, released during his vacation on Martha's Vineyard off the coast of Massachusetts:

Katrina struck the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, 2005, killing more than 1,600 people in Louisiana and Mississippi and leaving behind more than \$40 billion in property damage. Hurricane Rita followed almost a month later, with billions of dollars in additional damage and at least 11 more deaths.

Obama acknowledged that recovery has not come at an acceptable pace.

"I have also made it clear that we will not tolerate red tape that stands in the way of progress or the waste that can drive up the bill," said Obama. "Government must be a partner — not an opponent — in getting things done."

As a candidate, he promised during a speech at Tulane University in February 2008 to help the city hire police officers, repair schools, improve public transit, finish rebuilding the levee system and offer financial incentives to attract teachers,

businesses and medical professionals.

Obama's disaster relief chief, Craig Fugate, has been cited by Gulf Coast officials and Obama administration officials alike for breaking through the gridlock that has delayed recovery.

Gov. Bobby Jindal, R-La., recently said he had a lot of respect for Fugate and his team. "There is a sense of momentum and a desire to get things done," he said of the career emergency official.

In half a year, Obama's team says it has approved at least 75 projects that were in dispute, including libraries, schools and university buildings.

Even so, many towns remain broken, littered with boarded-up houses and overgrown vacant lots.

Hundreds of projects — including critical needs such as sewer lines, fire stations and a hospital — are entangled in the bureaucracy or federal-local disputes over who should pick up the tab.

"No more turf wars," Obama said. "All of us need to move forward together, because there is much more work to be done," he said.

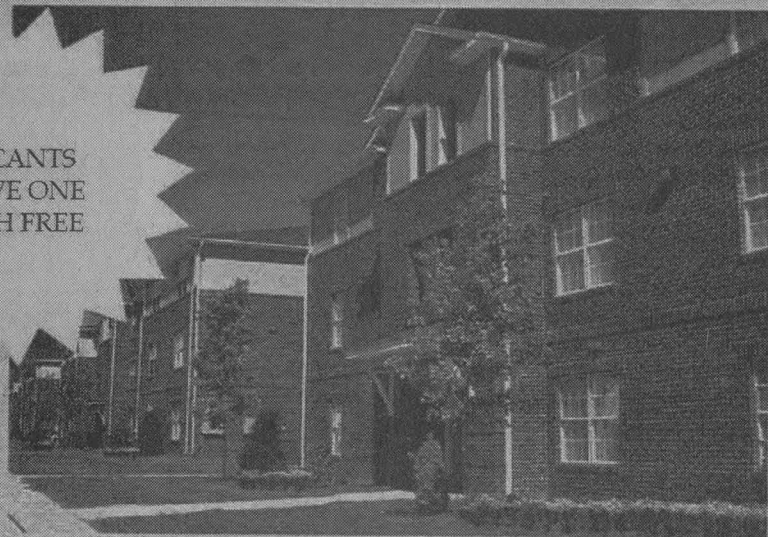
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# Bring Guffey back

When I returned to school this semester, I was heartbroken to learn that one of my favorite JOMC professors, Gary Guffey, was no longer teaching here because of budget cuts.

Apparently, all of the adjunct professors were let go by the school to save money. However, I hate that such a great instructor had to leave and more so that he was not a full-time professor to begin with.

In the fall 2008 semester, I had the unfortunate circumstance of having classes at 8 a.m. on Monday through Thursday.

I have to admit that I was not looking forward to it and would not have earned A's in those classes if it were any other professor than Guffey.

He was that only reason that I enjoyed those 8 a.m. classes, and even looked forward to those classes every day.

Guffey was the type of educator that made learning entertaining. I retained everything I was supposed to, and I was laughing at 8 a.m.

He did a good job of relating to us and keeping a fascinating student-professor relationship.

It is not to assume that Guffey was the kind of teacher who let his students walk all over him, because he did not. He was lenient to a certain point, but did not take anyone's mess either. He was very open to working with you if you



LAPORSHA LOWRY

gave him a good reason to.

He was very knowledgeable of the content he was taught and was able to make it understanding to his students. I can break down libel,

copyright, access law or any other aspect of Communication Law & Ethics to you because I took Guffey for JOMC 493.

Even though the class consisted of important information that would seem difficult to process at 8 a.m., I was able to understand it because Guffey worked with his students and they felt comfortable with asking him for help.

I also took Guffey for News Editing & Layout (JOMC 424), which consisted of copyediting, design and layout training.

Many of those aspects that I learned from him in that class help me today as Scene editor of this very publication.

The thing I miss the most about Guffey was that he was one of the only teachers that I have taken at A&T who I could talk to and even go to lunch with.

We would often walk to the café or to the union and it felt like I was not with a professor, but with a friend.

I would always feel comfortable knocking on his office door and know that he would open it and help me with whatever I needed.

I understand the entire university has fallen victim to budget cuts, and there are probably great professors in every department who are no longer teaching here, but I would be the first to say, in the JOMC department Gary Guffey is one professor who should be brought back if the opportunity is presented.

The JOMC department seems to be first in line for the cutbacks sometimes, even more so with the loss of teachers.

The fact that we are never represented at career fairs is another reason why we need quality professors like Guffey to stay because if we cannot have the employers come to us, then at least we could have used Guffey as a resource.

The fact that he is a candidate for his doctorate degree should have been sufficient enough to stay as a professor here.

NagathaTonkins is another example of the great professor who have come and gone in this department.

Thank God that we still have Dr. Styles, even though she is known to give out to many an "F".

## Letters to the Editor

### \$100 too much

This letter is a complaint about the cost of the alumni show. Is there any consideration of cost for your adult students at the university?

There are over 1400 non-traditional adult students who attend the university. I will graduate in December. It is enough that we don't get student services that equate to the traditional student though we work hard and pay taxes to support the university?

Must we also be subject to extraordinary cost to attend a university event? I am not exactly in the Tigger Crowd, the Little Wayne Crowd, or the Young Jeezy Crowd. Where is our voice?

I was told that the high cost of the show is because the event will be set up as a New York Style venue with food and table

seating.

I know this same group or a variation of this group performed in Atlanta last week for \$35.00 a head, so \$65.00 seems steep for the cost of a buffet meal.

Most of us know, there are several groups performing under the name of the Temptations.

Dennis Edwards would comprise of one fifth of the original Temptations and he was not exactly an original as he replaced David Ruffin who was an original Temptation.

Maybe the cost is elevated because we are paying a survivorship fee since Edwards is still alive. I am a Temptations fan but with the elitist fee, my pocketbook says just not THAT big of a fan.

Contemporary performers with one name that suggests su-

per-star status like Prince or Beyonce had tickets priced under \$100.00 when they performed in Greensboro.

The Temptations review maybe an oldie but not a goodie in terms of cost especially in today's economy with budget cuts, job cuts and less spending trends.

It seems a bit exorbitant to the point of gouging to charge these prices for the lack thereof. I always go to the alumni show but this year, I will be sitting this one out.

I will watch Dennis Edwards and the Temptation Review at home on DVD. My cooking is very good. Does anyone care to join me?

Celesta R. Dunston  
Senior, Liberal Studies  
Greensboro, NC

## Study Abroad and Domestic Exchange Not the Same Thing and Study Abroad is Affordable

An article in last weeks A&T Register states that one can have the "full study abroad experience" at UNC Asheville (UNCA) as part of a domestic exchange program organized by the Multicultural Student Centers at A&T and UNCA.

I differ with this conclusion, not only as the Director of A&T's Office of International Programs (OIP), which administers our study abroad programs and the Global Studies Certificate Program, but as an individual who has experienced both study abroad and study on a non-HBCU campus.

While I support this exchange effort, we must be clear that there are few comparisons that can be made between studying "away" and studying "abroad."

Many U.S. universities allow their students to "study away." I was able to leave Binghamton University to study at Fisk University. That was very different from my study abroad in Liberia and Nigeria.

They were both incredible

opportunities for me as an undergraduate student, but I would never trade my experience abroad for anything and nothing changed my life more.

My study abroad experience turned me into a world citizen and led me to devote my career to international human assistance, first working to improve the lives and conditions of people in Africa and Southeast Asia and later to international education (another form of international human assistance).

A person riding in a car for 3 hours within North Carolina will never know what it is like to fly on an airplane for 13 hours to Brazil, transit customs and immigration, and exchange their dollars for reais while experiencing the fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

The student who goes abroad will learn something about language – even if the language of the country is English – the accent, the use of words and colloquialisms will be different and the student will find him/herself

challenged to communicate.

They will eat food they may not recognize, experience a different educational system and encounter cultures totally unfamiliar. There is no doubt that domestic exchange is a valuable experience.

However, I would not treat this experience as comparable to study abroad.

Rather, I hope all students will attend our Study Abroad Fair on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 and meet students who have studied abroad to see how it was sometimes less expensive than staying at A&T.

My advice to those who want to study abroad is don't let fear of an unknown price tag prevent you from the opportunity to study abroad.

Come to the Fair and get the facts, then let OIP help you choose an affordable method for studying abroad. It is possible.

Minnie Battle Mayes  
Director  
Office of International Programs

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# A tale of two presidents

Mercury News

The president of the United States was determined: Universal health care was something Americans should expect, and he would deliver it. He argued forcefully for an employer mandate and for government-run insurance pools as an option for those who couldn't obtain private insurance. Commentators in all the media were abuzz.

The time? Nearly 40 years ago. The president? Republican Richard Milhous Nixon.

The irony doesn't end there. Nixon's plan failed because of one powerful opponent: Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. He stood firm in favor of a single-payer system, and the moment was lost.

In the years leading up to his death last week, Kennedy must have regretted this, as he heard the ideas that Nixon once espoused as conservative doctrine now slandered as socialism when proposed by President Barack Obama.

The Kennedy skill at collaboration had yet to evolve in the early 1970s. And given the family history with Nixon,

who had run against John F. Kennedy, a Nixon-Kennedy plan for national health care was probably asking too much at the time.

It's apparently asking too much for today's Republicans to collaborate on the Nixon, or Obama, goals. But it should not be. Today, far more than in the '70s, the good of the nation demands health care reform.

Obama's mistake has been allowing opponents to frame the debate and put him on the defensive. The Obama who was a master communicator during the campaign can recapture the lost momentum. He has to hammer home the folly of doing nothing, which is what his opponents want, and convince the American people that only through reform will they be assured of affordable, high quality health care in the future. The current system is not sustainable.

While providing health care to the 20 percent of Americans who now have none is critical, the president needs to aim his arguments toward the 80 percent who have coverage at the moment – at least until they get laid off – and are scared to death that they will have infe-

rior care in the future.

He also needs to more strongly challenge the pharmaceutical and private insurance industries to reduce costs. Agreements to do so have been touted, but the industries are not out there fighting for Obama's reforms. If they're not on board, then he should not let up on the challenge.

They have a right to reasonable profits, but the nation cannot sustain the rate of increase in costs. Fewer and fewer businesses will be able to offer insurance to their employees at the current pace.

The president should be talking more about the move to electronic medical records, which will reduce costs and cut back on medical errors, one of the top 10 causes of death. And he should accelerate his plan to emphasize outcome-based medicine, rewarding doctors and hospitals for quality, rather than quantity, of care. There is ample evidence that the two do not equate.

The president has the oratory skills to turn this around. He also happens to be right about what's needed. Richard Nixon, that well known socialist, would agree.

## What every freshman should know

An article entitled "What Every Freshman Should Know" in the August 19th edition of the Register encouraged freshmen to get involved with their education.

Among other things, the writer advised to "try" by going to the library. I agree with that position.

Many students think the availability of online searching means there is no beneficial reason to visit the library. That's not true.

Did you know that A&T is classified as a doctoral, research intensive university (high research activity)? As a student here, you need innovative information seeking strategies that empower you to become an active participant in your own development.

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by Evan Summerville

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North Carolina A&T State University  
Aggies



**DEXTER  
MULLINS**

North Carolina A&T-23  
Winston Salem State-21

**AGGIES VICTORY**



**MALCOLM  
EUSTACHE**

North Carolina A&T-13  
Winston Salem State-10

**AGGIES VICTORY**

# VS.



Winston Salem State University  
Rams



**JASMINE  
JOHNSON**

North Carolina A&T-21  
Winston Salem State-24

**RAMS VICTORY**



**DANIEL  
HENDERSON**

North Carolina A&T-17  
Winston Salem State-14

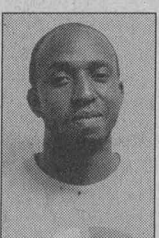
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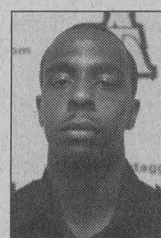
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**CHAD  
ROBERTS**

North Carolina A&T-20  
Winston Salem State-17

**AGGIES VICTORY**



**CARLTON  
BROWN**

North Carolina A&T-15  
Winston Salem State-21

**RAMS VICTORY**



**STACIE  
BAILEY**

North Carolina A&T-24  
Winston Salem State-17

**AGGIES VICTORY**



**LAPORSHA  
LOWRY**

North Carolina A&T-21  
Winston Salem State-17

**AGGIES VICTORY**

## AGGIE RUNDOWN

### FOOTBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
North Carolina A&T	0-0	0-0
Morgan State	0-0	0-0
North Carolina A&T	0-0	0-0
Hampton	0-0	0-0
MD Eastern Shore	0-0	0-0
Delaware State	0-0	0-0
South Carolina State	0-0	0-0
Coppin State	0-0	0-0
Bethune Cookman	0-0	0-0
Norfolk State	0-0	0-0
Howard	0-0	0-0

### THIS WEEK'S GAME:

Saturday  
vs. Winston-Salem State University  
Winston-Salem, N.C.  
6 p.m.

### NEXT WEEKS GAME

September 12  
vs. Norfolk  
Aggie Stadium  
6 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
North Carolina A&T	0-0	0-4
Bethune Cookman	0-0	0-2
Morgan State	0-0	1-3
Norfolk State	0-0	1-2
Delaware State	0-0	0-4
South Carolina State	0-0	0-4
Hampton	0-0	2-0
Florida A&M	0-0	0-3
Coppin State	0-0	0-4
Howard	0-0	0-4
MD Eastern Shore	0-0	2-2

### THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

Saturday  
Georgia Tech Tournament  
Atlanta, GA  
T.B.A.

Tuesday  
vs. Marshall  
Corbett Sports Center  
6 p.m.

## AROUND SPORTS

**NCAA FOOTBALL**  
**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP)** — Riley Skinner has done just about everything during three seasons at Wake Forest. Among the things he's already won: An Atlantic Coast Conference title, a pair of bowls and more games than any other quarterback in school history. The four-year starter who led Wake Forest to the first three-year bowl streak in program history is aiming to become its first quarterback with four consecutive seasons with 2,000 yards passing.

**NBA**  
**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Timberwolves president David Kahn says Spanish point guard Ricky Rubio has backed out of a deal to play in Minnesota this season. Kahn says the Wolves negotiated a deal on Saturday night with Rubio's Spanish pro team and agent Dan Fegan to bring the 18-year-old to Minnesota this fall. But Rubio informed Kahn on Monday night that he would prefer to stay in his homeland for two more years to better prepare himself for the NBA.

**PANTHERS**  
**CHARLOTTE N.C. (AP)** — The Carolina Panthers addressed their biggest need Tuesday by acquiring defensive tackle Louis Leonard from the Cleveland Browns for a 2010 late-round draft pick. The Panthers were left with a hole on the defensive line after starter Maake Kemoeatu, Carolina's top run-stuffer, ruptured his Achilles' tendon less than 30 minutes into the first practice of training camp.

**NFL**  
**HOUSTON (AP)** — Brett Favre has taken hundreds of hits in nearly two decades in the NFL. On Monday night, everyone was talking about the one he gave. Adrian Peterson scored on the game's first play, Favre played three quarters and the Minnesota Vikings beat the Houston Texans 17-10 in a preseason game. In his second game since retiring again less than two weeks ago, Favre was 13 of 18 for 142 yards.

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## Lee's 'dream' days away from a 'reality'

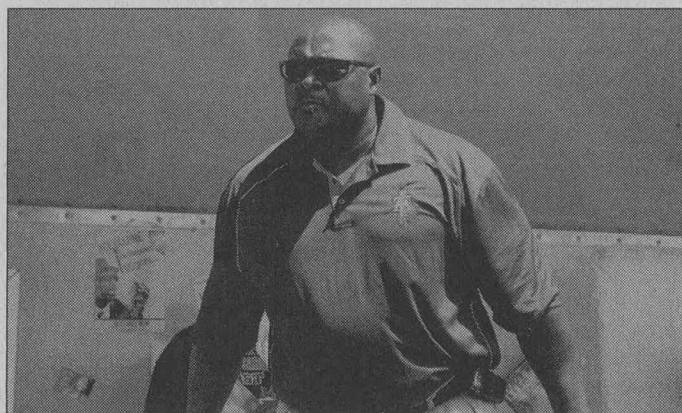


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**HEAD COACH ALONZO LEE** is ready and amped to attack the Rams of Winston Salem State.

**DANIEL HENDERSON**  
Sports Editor

He's 26 years into his coaching career, and head coach Alonzo Lee is now just days away from his first game as a college football head coach.

Lee has coached at programs inside and outside of the MEAC and has patiently waited for the opportunity.

And it has paid off for him, as he'll get the dividend from his patience Saturday when North Carolina A&T visits Winston-Salem State in their traditional I-40 rivalry game at Bowman Gray Stadium.

"It's a dream come true for me," Lee said at Monday's press conference at the Aggies Fitness and Well Center.

"You know every coach desires to be a head coach. My desire has been there a long time and I just tried to be patient."

The former Morgan State defensive coordinator was hired on Jan. 16 and will lead a team that could desperately use his experience with success. A&T has only racked up three wins in the past three years.

They finished last in the MEAC in scoring (14.3 ppg) and ranked next to last in points allowed (30.5 ppg).

Lee will try to implement his game plans, which have led the MEAC in total defense five out of the last 12 seasons.

Although defense is his "bread and butter", it has not limited him from spending time on the opposite side of the ball this offseason.

"I had an opportunity to really work with them on different things," said Lee, "and it was a great situation for me."

"It was just a few wrinkles that I wanted to make sure that were installed because they hurt me as a defensive coach."

And Lee will be no stranger to strategizing against his hosting counterpart during Saturday's action.

He worked with Rams head coach Kermit Blount for five years at Howard University and believes their reunion is incomparable to there past matches.

"I talked to him at the pre-season conference," Lee said.

"I told him that this game is going back to an old spring-time battle we use to have. But this game is way more than that and both communities are excited about it."

And Lee is optimistic that Saturday's rivalry game will mark the start of his dream of rebuilding the Aggie football team.

"I haven't had many nightmares," Lee said. "I'm just looking forward to an exciting dream making this thing happen throughout this year."



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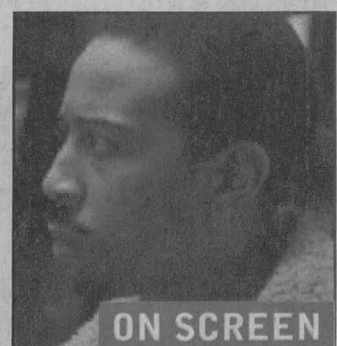
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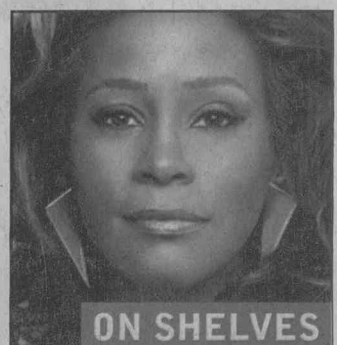
The A&T Register's guide to what's going on this week in arts and entertainment.



ON SCREEN

**GAMER** starring Ludacris, Gerard Butler and Terry Crews opens in theaters on Friday. Kable (Butler) is an unwilling participant in an online game in which participants can control human beings as players. His ultimate challenge becomes regaining his identity and independence.

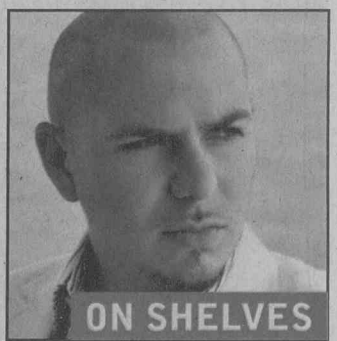
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ON SHELVES

**I LOOK TO YOU** is the sixth album from Whitney Houston and is in stores now. It is her first studio album in almost 7 years, after very public troubles including rehab and divorce from Bobby Brown. The first single, "Million Dollar Bill", is a dance song that is climbing up the Billboard charts.

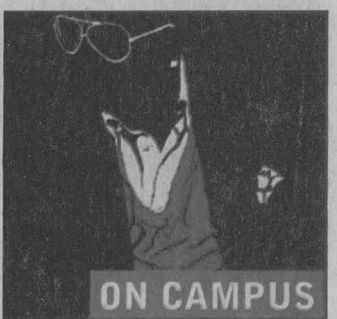
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ON SHELVES

**REBULUTION** is the fourth album by Miami rapper Pitbull and is in stores now. It features Akon, Avery Storm, & Lil Jon. The current single is "I Know You Want Me (Calle Ocho)", which has peaked at #2 on the Billboard Hot 100.

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ON CAMPUS

**RETURN OF THE NUPES** The Alpha Nu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. presents "The Return of the Nupes". It will be held on Friday in the Memorial Student Union. Doors open at 10pm. Tickets are available at the Ticket Office for \$5 with College ID and \$7 without.

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## 'Play' brings 'Brand Newz' to campus

JASMINE JOHNSON  
News Editor

On his way to the Soul Music Festival in Raleigh, NC, Christopher "Play" Martin stopped by WNAA 90.1 last Wednesday to promote his new project, "Brand Newz", and give away tickets to the festival.

The artist, who was one half of the rapping duo "Kid N' Play", thought the black community needed an outlet to share positive news.

The organization, "Brand Newz", is a media outlet which showcases positive news stories that are sent in from its viewers.

Its website also features guest interviews from music artists of today.

Along with this project, Martin serves as a professor of Hip Hop and Context at North Carolina Central University, where he teaches the course with former "Little Brother" member 9th Wonder.

While he teaches the course, he also tells his students that he does not think hip-hop is dead.

"I don't think it [hip-hop] is dead, but I do think it is in a comatose state," said the co-star of "House Party".

"There's not a lot of creativity, innovation or the courage to fail. I'm not really a big hip-hop fan. Right now, I'm very into talk radio. And I like to keep it fresh with the 80s, 90s, and even some disco."

He has admitted he is not a fan of anyone in particular, except Jesus Christ, although

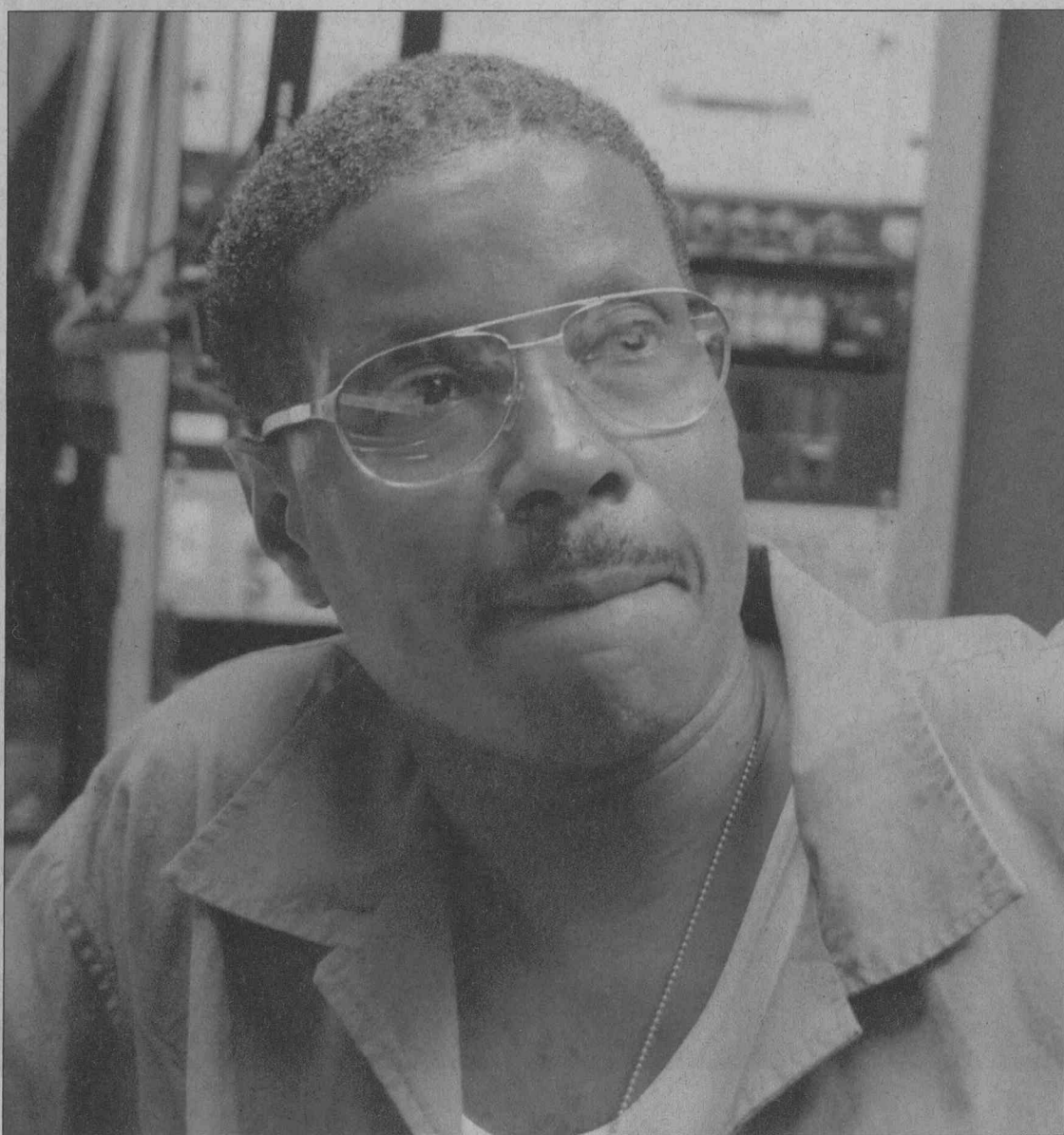


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**HIP HIP COMA** Christopher Martin, a.k.a. "Play" from legendary hip-hop group Kid 'N Play, talked about how he thinks that there is a lack of creativity in today's hip hop when he visited WNAA 90.1 FM last week.

he does think Soulja Boy has potential.

"I do admire Kanye West because he does not care what people say, but no, I'm not a fan of anyone particular."

Martin also shared that

he thinks there is a time and season for everything and he and Christopher 'Kid' Reid believe it is time to pass the "mic".

"I enjoy listening to other people who do it well," he

said.

As to whether Kid 'N Play fans can expect another House Party movie or more music from the duo, Martin hinted at the possibility.

"There are talks" he said.

## MOVIE REVIEW: THE FINAL DESTINATION

JOHNATHAN VEAL  
Register Reporter

Horror movies strive to elicit the emotions of fear, horror and terror from viewers. Their plots frequently involve themes of death, the supernatural or mental illness and also include a central villain.

Well this weekend, the "scary" was not present in the David R. Ellis film, "The Final Destination." If you saw the first three installments of the franchise, then you would know how the movie plots

out. There is a big disaster that stems from a vision of what is to come. The main character freaks out and tries to take his friends and acquaintances away from the soon-to-be disaster with him before it actually happens. A death list has been formed and now the survivors must try to beat the list, but we all know that does not happen.

The film was this weekend's champion in the box office with \$28.3 million. The film surpassed the masked murderer; Michael Meyers in "Halloween II" which brought in \$17.4 million and last week's top-spot film, "Inglourious Basterds," that made \$20 million this weekend. In 2003, "Final Destination 3" opened to \$19 million in the box office, so there was some good

news for the franchise as far as revenue, but for quality, I just did not see the horror.

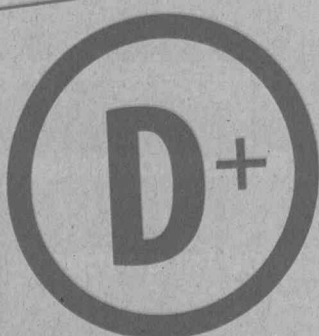
"The Final Destination" series is getting real old. The only difference between this one and the others, was that it was in 3D. Hooray for 3D for making it as if I were actually in the movie, but it was still whack! In my

mind, the writers should have stopped after the trilogy. Making a fourth is doing a little too much. Do not get me wrong, it has its moments of "wow

that really just happened," but overall, it is a waste of money to go see.



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## ALBUM REVIEW: READY

KELCIE MCCRAE  
Register Reporter

Go ahead and get "Ready" for Trey Songz' captivating new album, which has truly blasted this smooth sounding artist to the top in the music world. Since the release of his debut single, "Gotta Make It" in 2005, Songz has since mesmerized audiences around the globe. From high wave play on the radio and television, and a Grammy nomination this year for "Can't Help But Wait," it is evident that he has indeed made it.

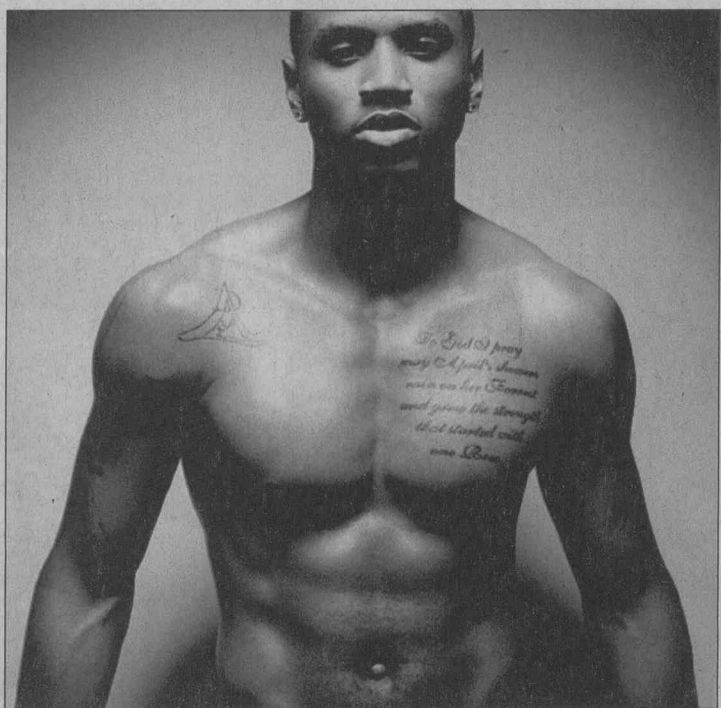
"Ready," which was originally supposed to drop Sept. 1, was forced to be pushed up a day to Aug 31, in response to intense popular demand.

The album's first single, "I Need A Girl," dropped this summer and could be the blame for the album's early release date.

It has already gained national notoriety by peaking at No. 6 on the Billboard R&B Charts this summer.

Also, the widely requested and quoted track, "Successful," featuring Young Money's Drake has made this album become a must have for the fall. The track peaked at No. 7 on Billboard's Radio Charts.

This is the third album for the Virginia born singer. This album shows growth from a "ring tone" friendly sound of his sophomore



album to a more mature and sexier sound for this one.

It truly shows his ability to write and sing songs that without a doubt appeal to the masses. Songs off the album with a sexy twist to them such as "Invented Sex," featuring Drake, clearly demonstrates the creativity he put forth.

The simplistic beat behind the track, the catchy hook and to top it off, Drake's Midas touch, is without question an up and moving, radio and club banger.

Deeply different from previous albums, "Ready" has brought back the sounds of true R&B from earlier days. From the old school R&B type of love song, "One Love," which proclaims his need for only one love in his life, to the upbeat,

lighter sound, and pop friendly "LOL :-)" featuring Gucci Mane and Soulja Boy. This incredibly catchy track brings a gentle and more playful sound to the album.

This album definitely can give Songz the ability to rightfully categorize himself into the class of our generation's best R&B singers.

His ability to serenade listeners and bring back the "baby-making" music of our era truly makes him a force to reckon with.

The album demonstrates a variety of well thought out love songs, as well as club bangers.

Go out and get, "Ready," for Songz new album, in stores everywhere Aug 31.

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QUESTIONS

1. Are you going to the Kappa party on Friday? 2. Isn't there a Nxlevel party on the same night? 3. Which one are you going to? 4. Do you feel obligated to go to Kappa party because they have been gone so long? 5. Do you even know a Kappa from around here? 6. Do you even know what a Kappa is? 7. When did their plot get re-done? 8. Did you get a ticket to the Winston game? 9. Did you have to go to Winston to get it? 10. Do you think that we are gonna win? 11. Would that make last year's win a fluke? 12. Have you been talking junk to your friends at Winston? 13. Do they hit you with the "chew tobacco spit" chant? 14. Do you respond with 'AGGIE PRIDE'? 15. Did you go to see "The Final Destination"? 16. Since it was titled "THE FINAL," are you hoping this is the last one? 17. Why did it have to be in 3d? 18. Did that make it better? 19. Or worse? 20. Are you off movies for a while now because of it?